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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE ERITREA

1. DURING FEB 23 MEETING, FONMIN ASNAG ASKED IF I MIGHT PROVIDE HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION OR UP-TO-DATE US ASSESSMENT RE ERITREAN SITUATION, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING MAKE-UP AND IDEOLOGICAL TENDENCIES OF VARIOUS ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INVOLVED IN CURRENT FIGHTING. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SEVERAL ARAB STATES IN PARTICULAR SAUDI ARABIA MAY BE ALLOWING THEIR RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS TO OVERRIDE ANY REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF WHAT MAY TURN OUT TO BE EXTREMIST MARXIST/LENINIST MOVEMENTS WHICH AFTER ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE IN ERITREA WILL FALL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOVIET UNION AND THEREBY BECOME IMMEDIATE THREATS BOTH TO YEMEN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WHICH I MIGHT CONVEY TO ASNAG.  
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